



Jimmy Zhao

Jimmy Zhao hails from Beijing, China. At age 12, he came to live with his father, Hunter Zhao, in Incline Village, Nevada. Hunter was trained as a chef in many fine hotels in Beijing, but his dream was to come to the United States. So he took a job at the China Wok of Incline Village, NV (Nancy and Norman Wong, owners) as a first step in establishing himself in this country. Hunter has since become a United States citizen.

Jimmy attended Incline Village Middle School. Here he made many friends and was quite popular. Jimmy also helped us teach his fellow students Mandarin Chinese. We were holding informal classes at the middle school during lunch hour. Jimmy proved to be an able and patient teacher. His Beijing accent and clear method of delivery enabled learners to grasp proper pronunciation quite readily. After two years in the States, Jimmy returned to Beijing, where he has excelled in his studies. He has taken the SAT exam and plans to attend college in the US.

On his return visits to the US, Jimmy has visited Incline Village to reconnect with his old friends. While here, he again taught classes....this time at the then newly established ELearning Café. Here he helped local adults prepare for their upcoming trips to China....by going over phrases travelers need to get around in a country where English is often little spoken. Jimmy and Hunter are pictured below. Together they are building their own bridge across nations!

